Subject No. 518.

Octroi collection in Arsikere Municipality.

Mr. Balwant Rao.

Summary of discussion.—The collection of taxes on cloths in Arsikere Municipality is not satisfactory in spite of the appointment of an Octroi Mutsaddi. From the amount collected last year it is seen that taxes were levied on cloths worth about Rs. 10,000 though, considering the eight town shops and about a dozen others that are opened on sante days the estimated value of cloths will come up to about Rs. 25,000. It is therefore requested that orders may be passed prescribing that bundles be unpacked, stamped and necessary duties collected in the presence of one of the Board members as is done at Hassan.

Reply of Government.—Await the new Municipal Regulation. There seems to be no objection to carry out the Deputy Commissioner's view that the Municipal Board may make arrangements for the unpacking and stamping of cloths in the presence of members of the Boards.

Subject No. 519.

Annachattram at Banavar to be transferred to Arsikere.

Mr. Balwant Rao.

Summary of discussion.—Early orders may be passed for removing the Annachattram from Banavar to Arsikere. It is very hard for travellers to get food at Arsikere whereas at Banavar the establishment find it difficult to discover any one in need of food.

Reply of Government.—The chattram at Gundsi is reported to be unnecessary. Its transfer to Arsikere will be ordered.

Subject No. 520.

Removal of oil mills from the centre of the town.

Mr. Balwant Rao.

Summary of discussion.—There are about half a dozen oil mills just in the centre of the Arsikere Town. They must be removed immediately from their present locality as they are a source of great nuisance to the public health.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the President of the Municipalities for disposal.

Subject No. 521.

Railway line from Arsikere to Hassan and on to Saklespur.

Messrs. Balwant Rao of Arsikere and Channakesava Setti of Hassan.

Summary of discussion.—A Railway line may be constructed from Arsikere to Hassan and on to Saklespur. If the project was abandoned for want of funds, tenders may be invited for debenture loans for the construction of the branch line by which the required capital may be forthcoming. The line will considerably develop commerce of the State.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 522.

Bidugandies to the north channel of Sri Ramdevar Dam.

Messrs. Gaddahosur Subba Rao, Alagodanahalli Venkatachar and N. Venkataramaiya of Hole-Narsipur.

Summary of discussion.—The north channel of Sri Ramdevar Dam runs about 70 or 80 miles. It has no bidugandies from start to finish, which causes the channel bund to breach. Scarcity of water is then felt by the raiyats and the crops suffer. Bidugandies may therefore be caused to be constructed similar to those in the channels of the Mysore District.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Public Works Department for consideration.